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From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: All Ships and Stations (less Marine Corps field addressees not having Navy personnel attached)

Subj: OLD SALT AWARD

1. Purpose. To describe the Old Salt Trophy Award program and establish criteria for the award.

2. Background. The Surface Navy Association (SNA) is a professional organization, composed of both military and civilian members, dedicated to enhanced awareness and support of the United States Navy in general and the surface forces in particular. Starting in 1988, the SNA will present the Old Salt Award to the senior active duty Surface Warfare Officer (1110) who meets the criteria described herein.

3. Action. The Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Surface Warfare) (OP-03) shall be responsible for determining which officers meet the award criteria and for liaison with Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel and Training) (OP-01) to establish the official precedence list of prospective Old Salts.

4. Selection. Prospective Old Salts will meet the following criteria to be considered for the award.

- a. The officer must be on active duty.
- b. Time on active duty must be continuous.
- c. Retired personnel recalled to active duty are not eligible.
- d. Until such time that Surface Warfare qualification letters can be used exclusively to determine eligibility, the Fleet Officer of the Deck (OOD) qualification date will be used to establish service as a Surface Warfare Officer among that large group of officers designated 1110 in 1975 when the specialty designator was officially approved. If no OOD qualification letter is found,

then ship deck logs will be checked to determine the period of Fleet OOD qualification for those officers being considered.

e. Ultimately, the Surface Warfare qualification letter will become the sole means of determining eligibility. The Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Surface Warfare) will approve selection of the Old Salt Award recipient. In addition, the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Surface Warfare) will designate a command to arrange for appropriate ceremonies, considering the personal desires of the principals involved. The Old Salt Trophy may be kept in possession of the recipient or displayed by the command to which the Old Salt is assigned.

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